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TOP—Rev. Leslie G. Bennett (center), chairman of the Convention City Committee, and Allan Broome (left), secretary, met with Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the World's Union, when he was in Australia early this year. LOWER—Executive personnel of the committee who have been working for many months to make local plans for the World's Convention are (left to right): Ray Latham, halls convenor; Eric Bird, publicity; P. A. R. Chesterton, national secretary; Angus Barr, assistant treasurer; Ivan Perry, hospitality; John Christison, treasurer; Mr. Bennett; Mr. Westerhoff; Mr. Broome; Fay Overton, minute secretary; Syd. Edmonds, deputy chairman; Dr. A. Cyril Cato, prayer; and Ron Cleaver, assistant secretary.

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from the General Secretary . . . .

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR "DOWN UNDER"

It is reported that 1888 is the earliest record of Christian Endeavor in Australia. The seed, according to that early record, was a Christian Endeavor constitution carried in the pocket of a sailor from Newburyport, Massachusetts. Whatever the earliest effort, whatever the source, Christian Endeavor in 1961 is a vital force in the contemporary Christian community in Australia.

My first view of Australia was a dim one. Not because of Australia, but because I was arriving eighteen hours behind schedule, thanks to BOAC whose plane was to pick me up in Singapore and fly me to Sydney. The Australian Customs man was comforting, perhaps because we were disturbing him at 2 o'clock in the morning. He opined that we ought not be disturbed about the eighteen-hour delayed arrival; "This plane," said he, "is sometimes a week late."

Thus I missed a very significant meeting with the Executive of the National Union, along with a rally celebration in Sydney. But my days were to be busy, largely due to the efforts of P. A. R. Chesterton, national secretary, an outstanding Christian business man whose avocation is Christian Endeavor. There was a warm welcome at the rain-swept airport in Sydney, and then off to a round of meetings, lunches, teas, worship services, rallies, and sightseeing.

Sydney, in New South Wales, is to be the site of the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention, August 16-21, 1962. And a worthy site it is, too. There is an abundance of Christian Endeavor enthusiasm in Sydney, and indeed, throughout Australia. There is in Sydney too an abundance of adequate facilities for a great World's Christian Endeavor Convention. Sydney will be remembered for one of the outstanding Billy Graham Crusades.

Early on the Sunday morning of my arrival at Mascot Airport in Sydney, I was rushed to the station of the Christian Broadcasting Association for a recorded interview, then on to speak at the worship service at Five Dock Methodist Church where the Rev. Dr. A. Cyril Cato is the minister. Dr. Cato is the Prayer Convenor for the Convention City Committee for the 1962 World's Convention; he has organized a world-wide prayer program in support of the convention. In the afternoon I spoke at a Christian Endeavor Rally at Saint Matthew's Church of England, Birrong. This was a district union rally—the Marrickville-Bankstown District Union with visiting Christian Endeavorers from the outlying areas.

The next day took us to Newcastle, a bustling industrial city, about one hundred miles distant from Sydney. A half day was spent on a personally conducted tour through the B. H. P. Newcastle Steel Works, one of the mightiest in the world, giving employment to 9,900 people. This was a real first for me. Then came an official Civic Reception in the official chambers of the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor of Newcastle is an outstanding Christian layman. The evening was profitably spent in a Newcastle City Christian Endeavor Rally.

Tuesday found us back in Sydney for meetings with the Convention City Committee, charged with the responsibility for local arrangements for the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in 1962. Rev. L. G. Bennett, past president of the Australian National Christian Endeavor Union, is chairman of the C.C.C. George H. Nelson, of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, elder statesman of Christian Endeavor in Australia, retired banker, and vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, is serving as Program Chairman, appointed by World's Union President, Dr. Daniel A. Poling.

A brief, but inspiring, visit to Melbourne, in Victoria State, put me in touch with Deputy National Christian Endeavor President, Rev. Wilfred Manzoney, and the National Director of Christian Endeavor, Rev. H. Norman Pell.

Were I to be asked to name the most unforgettable person I met in Australia, I should immediately mention His Grace, the Rev. Dr. Hugh R. Gough, Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia. I had the good fortune to lunch next to him at a gathering of denominational leaders who are interested in the World's Convention in 1962. He is a great Christian leader, with roots in Great Britain, having moved from there to Australia recently. The Archbishop warmed his hearers with an enthusiastic endorsement of Christian Endeavor and an expression of support and concern for the World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Sydney in 1962.

There is a warm Christian Endeavor welcome awaiting you "down under" in 1962. Count it in your plans.

Harold Westerhoff

Christian Endeavor Week 1962

JANUARY 28 -- FEBRUARY 4

THEME: "CALLED TO CHRISTIAN FREEDOM"

hy the theme "Called to Christian Freedom"?

—To point out that in the struggle for freedom by races, nations, and individuals everywhere, many only exchange one state of slavery for another.

—To emphasize that actual freedom is realized only by those who accept the truth as revealed fully in Jesus Christ

—To challenge Christian Endeavorers to consider the source of freedom in their commitment to Christ and its meaning in the immediate relationships of their lives (See John 8:31-36; I Peter 2:16)

—To help youth realize that Christ has called them to true freedom through commitment to Him

/hy have Christian Endeavor Week?

—To mark the 81st birthday of the Christian Endeavor movement on February 2

—To honor Christian youth and their potential

—To give youth a special opportunity for service and participation

—To challenge youth to work, serve, and live for Christ

/hat part can the local church play in Christian Endeavor Week?

—Give youth special responsibilities in the regular services, especially on Denominational Day, January 28

—Provide Christ-centered activities and social events

—Recognize specific problems facing youth and point to helpful solutions

—Encourage Christian service, living, and sharing

Vhat is youth's part?

—Be grateful for a church and for a movement which recognize youth—their interests, problems, and potential

—Participate sincerely in planning and presenting

—Think seriously and honestly about responsibilities present and future

—Take personal inventory of friends, activities, ambitions, and Christian standards

low may the Christian Endeavor union observe this Week?

—Plan union events to bring together Christian youth, especially on Christian Endeavor Day, February 4

—Secure proclamation of the Week by mayor, governor, or other government official

—Seek publicity in every news media—newspaper, radio, television, etc.

—Promote highway evangelism through Christian Endeavor's Outdoor Poster Program

—Encourage societies to enter the Citizenship Awards Program

—Urge every society and church to participate in this observance

Vho should be informed of the Week's plans?

—Youth, parents, church members, the community—everyone

—Use posters, church bulletins, announcements—every means

Vhat helps are available?

—*A Manual for Guidance and Resource,* prepared by Rev. Christian A. Tirre, which includes many suggestions and detailed plans

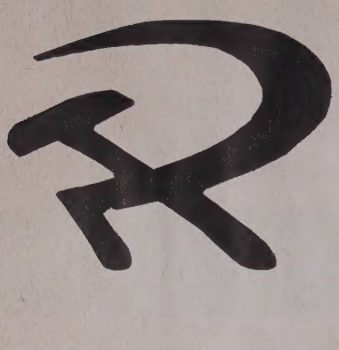
—*A Radio Program,* written by Roberta Carrington, a 15-minute script

—*A Television Program,* prepared by Mrs. Amy Deck Faust, also 15 minutes

—*A Freedomland Party,* planned by Mrs. Marian W. Trievel, ideas suitable for large or small groups

—A new bulletin cover, attractively printed in peacock blue and black, and a matching special events poster

—All of these and many other items are included in the 1962 Christian Endeavor Week Packet, available from the International Society for just 50c.



RED SHADOW Across Your Future

A friend of mine stood, well past midnight, on a street corner in one of our large American cities. Beside him, waiting for a bus, was a young college student, his academic pursuits identified by a hulk of books held in his arms. On second look, my friend, a skilled student of communist strategy, noticed a couple of books on Red doctrine.

Playing it coy, my friend dropped a couple of remarks which indicated he might be at least a communist sympathizer. The student took quickly to the bait.

"I'm going to our weekly study meeting," the student said. "So many of us work and have other conflicting schedules that we decided to meet from 2 until 6 a.m. every Friday night."

"How many are you?" my friend probed.

"A little over 200 are members of the study group."

"How many come to study at such an unearthly time of night?" my friend asked.

The student proudly stood to full height, looked intently at him and said, "Sir, we will *all* be there! We let nothing hinder us from these important study hours!"

Whether or not this uncomfortable drama could have been enacted on a street corner in your community is not our concern just now. Nor is the purpose of this article to drum up a posse for "witch hunting" down the dark alleys of your home town. Instead, these paragraphs urge you as a Christian teen-ager to take a front and center look at the grim facts which clearly show that Khrushchev and company have designs on your future, and that you can and had better do something about it.

We could go spectacular and retell the story of what happened in San Francisco, mid-May, 1960, when student riots turned a House Un-American Activities Committee probe into a front-page fiasco. Without a doubt the majority of students involved in the rumble that took place were dupes, cleverly faked out by skilled communist underminers. For details, write to the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., and ask for the booklet by J. Edgar Hoover, entitled "Communist Target—Youth."

Too, we could scan the pages of NEW HORIZONS, Red-sponsored teen periodical now seen widely across the country, probably in your high school library and surely in your town library. NEW HORIZONS plays it cool and easy in the quest for young recruits.

Or we could look into the June, 1960, Chicago conference, called for the stated purpose of planning a master program for capturing the minds of teen-age Americans —which means you.

But let's leave the chills and thrills to TV scenario writers and go bedrock in a careful analysis of communism's quest for American youth as related to things that happen around you every day. It should be of considerable interest to you to know that the American Christian, above all others, is best equipped to understand and combat communism. By the same token, it should strike simultaneous sorrow and determination to your heart to realize that few Americans know less and do less about communism than the born-again believer.

First, you must see that communism is a spiritual force. A communist is best described as a man who is completely dependent upon the power of hell just as you should be completely dependent upon the power of heaven, the Holy Spirit. This is why the communist program is so genius-inspired, for it is motivated by wisdom beyond mere humanity.

The more you study communism, the more you realize it is a spiritual power, hell-motivated, which seeks to duplicate the phenomena of the Christian experience.

For example, authentic reports from Communist China tell of testimony meetings bearing marked similarity to meetings in which you may have voiced your personal convictions as a Christian.

Deeply moved, student after student stands to tell of the transformation which has taken place. One says, "I was once dishonest, but now I am completely honest." Another, "I was immoral, but now my thoughts and motives are pure." Still another, "I am completely different. I have been transformed." And all of them testify that the power which has transformed their lives is the power that came when they surrendered their hearts, their minds, their very bodies to the "glorious truth," as they call it, the truth of communism.

Now hold steady. Don't go on a TV-psychosis, good-guy-against-the-bad-guy binge, and start wondering if there are Red-instigated meetings like this in your town. There could be, but that isn't really the issue.

In fact, communism's bid for world conquest isn't even the basic issue. Instead, the issue is, as before stated, the conflict tween the Lord you love and the prince hell who seeks to destroy His work.

The real issue, the facts which you n to face squarely, lie in the every-day dences of Satan's onslaughts against cause of Christ.

Got a dictionary or encyclopedia han Then, if you haven't already done so, a "dialectical materialism" to your vocabula Never heard of it? O. K., if you're a h school junior or beyond, be honest enou to hang your head in shame and ad that the young communist keeps himself better informed than does the young Ch tian.

Dialectical materialism is the prevaili intellectual belief in our entire world day. It simply means there is nothing this world but matter. Matter consists atoms, nothing more. Even your personali your mind, everything about you is nothi but atoms in motion. Carried to the ul mate, which it often is, dialectical ma rialism doubts the existence of anythi spiritual, or "mystical" as the scientist p it, and relates everything in the enti universe to that which is material and, th understandable.

Recently, I had the privilege of speaki to a group of students at a very lar university. This led to a number of co ferences with Christian students who to me again and again of the current fad campus which was not to believe in an thing. "No matter how close you walk wi the Lord," one student told me, "the o slaughts of intellectual doubt give you rough time. You've got to be constant looking to the Lord for protection again doubt."

One student, a senior, told me he ha been led into complete intellectual doub It was one of the high lights of my life be used as God's instrument to lead th darkened heart into the light of Roma 10:17: "So then faith cometh by hearin and hearing by the word of God."

One big reason for the intensity of doul experienced on this university campus the foundation for doubt planted durin high school days. Perhaps more than an thing else, teaching evolution in high scho lays the basis for embracing dialectic materialism on the college campus.

Now, look. Think as straight as you ev thought before. Don't become a pio fanatic and begin spewing some of th stock answers we Christians try to giv

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en we don't really know what we're ing about. You must sharpen your mind. ı must be able to give both scriptural intellectual answers for your convic- ıs. This is why any Christian student o tries merely to get by in school is ıally playing ball with the communist gram!

or, you see, dialectical materialism, so ely believed by American students, is very foundation to the doctrines of com- nism itself.

But there is an even deeper area of un- standing which you, an alert Christian n-ager, must consider in this matter of ether or not your witness shall be de- yed by Red shadows across your future. Here is the acid test, the straight-from- -heart question that tells the yes or no where you stand.

s your life—be honest now—completely trolled by the Lord Jesus Christ? From top of your head to the bottom of your t—your eyes, your lips, your mind, every of you—is your body totally at His mand through the Holy Spirit which ells in you? I didn't ask you about your trinal persuasion. I asked about your ng experience!

While it is true that the communist in- ation onto the American scene makes ry alert citizen uneasy, it is much more nificantly true that a fat, easygoing, terialistic, disobedient mass of professing ristians represent one of Satan's choicest ls for destroying this nation's strength.

The basic issue is not Tom, Dick, and ry and their relationship to Jesus Christ. e basic issue is *you*. What is *your* rela- nship to Jesus Christ? Is He first in *your* ritual life? first in *your* social life? first *your* choice of TV programs? first when ı sit in a parked car? first in *your* school rk? first in everything, always?

I can't promise you that this wonderful ntry, which I love with every drop of blood, shall be spared the concluding laughts of Red aggression. But I can tell ı that as never before in history this ntry needs young Christian citizens who strong for their country because their ength is in the Lord Jesus Christ. And I ı also tell you with flaming certainty that ne light or darkness, bondage or freedom, only individual life that will be lived un- sted will be the life completely aban- ned to Jesus Christ.

Like your life, for example?

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How would your society use a cash award?

As the second place winner in the 1961 Citizenship Awards Program, the Junior High Society of Pleasant Grove Christian Church in Dallas, Texas, received a cash award of $150 and a grant of $150 toward the expenses of sending delegates from the society to the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Chicago. This was divided among six of the members.

These Junior High Endeavorers decided to use their award in three ways —for their church, for others, and for their own needs. They contributed $50 toward a steeple fund for their church. Another $50 was given to causes beyond the church doors—$30 to International Society as a tithe of the total amount won, $10 to brotherhood missions, and $10 to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The remaining $50 was used for the purchase of a metal file cabinet for committee files and a portable postcard mimeograph and to cover the cost of a Christian Citizenship Banquet for the group.

The banquet was held in August under the direction of Saundra Marshall, chairman of the church activity committee of the society. Glorya McDonald of LaMarque, Texas, a runner-up in the 1961 "Endeavorer of the Year" selection and one of the winners in the 1960 Citizenship Contest, was the guest speaker. Her topic was "Citizenship in Action."

Paul Redden, who was society president when the project was carried out last year, served as banquet toastmaster. Larry Hanby spoke on the winning project; Wynette Dale reported on project results, and Suzanne Duncan discussed future citizenship plans for the society.

The project which won for this group was based on the theme, "The True Spirit of Christmas Is Christ—Not Alcohol."

Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups have an opportunity again this year to compete in the current Citizenship Awards Program sponsored by the International Society. Top award is $200 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $200) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives of the society to attend the International Summer Assembly at Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, July 2-7, 1962. Second place award is $150 in cash plus a grant of $150 for Assembly expenses. Twenty-three additional cash awards are offered, plus plaques and certificates.

Basis for the Awards is the reporting of a completed Christian citizenship activity begun after March 1, 1961. All entries must be postmarked by February 5, 1962.

Each activity will be evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which it implements the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and Christian witness to the community.

For a copy of this folder and of the folder giving complete details on the Awards Program, write to the Citizenship Director of the International Society at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

ENTRY FORM (Print or type in full)

(Valid only if postmarked no later than February 5, 1962, and received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, by February 16, 1962)

Please enter the citizenship activity described in the attached materials in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program.

(Name of society or group)

(Name of church)

(Address of church)

(Name and address of person sending entry)

(Your office or position in society or church)

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

All entries become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. All participating societies or groups agree to abide by the decisions of the judges, which are final.

1961 WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING

THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS

Again the American Bible Society is issuing a call for a united fellowship of daily Bible reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas. This is the 18th annual project. Here are the Scriptures which will be read by millions around the world.

NOVEMBER

23 Thanksgiving Day — Psalm 100
24 — Exodus 20:1-20
25 — Romans 12
26 Sunday — Genesis 1:1-2:3
27 — Psalm 1
28 — Psalm 8
29 — Psalm 19
30 — Psalm 23

DECEMBER

1 — Luke 10:1-24
2 — Acts 4:13-21
3 Advent Sunday — Matthew 5:1-16
4 — Matthew 5:17-48
5 — Matthew 6:1-15
6 — Matthew 6:16-34
7 — Matthew 7
8 — Luke 4:16-30
9 — II Timothy 3:10-4:5
10 Universal Bible Sunday — Luke 8:4-18
11 — Joshua 24:1-18
12 — Psalm 27
13 — Psalm 46
14 — Psalm 91
15 — Psalm 103
16 — Luke 1:39-56
17 Sunday — Luke 1:57-80
18 — Micah 6
19 — Luke 10:25-37
20 — Luke 15:1-24
21 — Luke 24:1-27
22 — Matthew 1:18-25
23 — Luke 2:1-20
24 Sunday — Matthew 2:1-12

For the last six days of the year, these passages are recommended.

25 Christmas Day — Philippians 2:1-11
26 — Matthew 2:13-23
27 — Matthew 3
28 — Matthew 4:1-11
29 — I Corinthians 12:31-13:13
30 — Ephesians 4:1-24
31 Sunday — Ephesians 1

Will you make Bible reading a daily practice? Then send for "Daily Bible Readings 1962."

A small remittance at the rate of one cent (1c) per two (2) copies is requested when ordering these Bible bookmarks. Address American Bible Society (Dept. U), 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

COMING EVENTS For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences scheduled to be held during the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

NOVEMBER

3- 5—Missouri, Cape Girardeau
30-December 3—Executives' Program Council, Columbus, Ohio

JANUARY

28-February 4—Christian Endeavor Week

Viroqua Nodolf Honored for Service

June Forrester to Edit JUNIOR CE MEETINGS

Viroqua C. Nodolf is shown with the pic given to her "in recognition of service as ed of JUNIOR CE MEETINGS 1949-61." The pla attached to the frame carries this tribute.

In recognition of Viroqua C. Nodolf's service as editor of JUNIOR CE MEETINGS for the past 13 years, a beautiful painting of Christ with children was presented to her recently. This was inscribed with a suitable tribute for her faithful work.

Miss Nodolf became editor of this Junior topic quarterly published by the International Society of Christian Endeavor with the April-May-June 1949 issue. At that time she was serving as chairman of the Junior Work Committee.

June Forrester

The new editor, June Forrester, will begin her work with the April-May-June 1962 issue. Delno W. Brown, educational secretary of the International Society, continues as managing editor of this quarterly.

Miss Nodolf's heavy schedule at Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, made it necessary for her to resign as JUNIOR CE MEETINGS editor. She is the director of Christian education at this four-year high school which has 220 students and is under the direction of the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Before her current assignment, Miss Nodolf served for 19 years as assistant to the pastor of Riverside Presbyterian Church Minneapolis, Minnesota. She has been m sionary and Junior superintendent for Minnesota Union and is a graduate Macalester College.

Miss Forrester is an elementary scho teacher in Columbus, Ohio and a mem of Lockbourne Road Baptist Church wh she is Sunday school secretary. She has be employed as office secretary of the O Union and has held numerous state un offices. At the present time she is Jun superintendent. She is a graduate of O State University, with a B.S. in educati

JUNIOR CE MEETINGS is the only terdenominational Junior Christian E deavor topic quarterly published in United States or Canada. It began publi tion with the April-May-June 1945 iss Dr. Stanley B. Vandersall edited the f five issues; Constance Garrett then assum this responsibility. She was succeeded Miss Nodolf.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—JULY 2-6, 1963!

That's the place and date for the 47th International Christian Endeav Convention.

Even before the Chicago Convention Committee held its final meeting October 3, Christian Endeavor leaders from the District of Columbia, Maryla and Virginia were meeting in the Nation's Capital to make plans for entertaini the next International Convention.

The Program Committee for the 1963 International Convention held its init meeting in Washington October 21. Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart from East Pennsylvania, is chairman.

In connection with the meetings of the Executive and Finance Committe of the International Society in Washington October 20-21, the Golden Rule Christi Endeavor Union sponsored an area rally at the John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Chur on Saturday night. Speaker was Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, D.D., president the International Society. Harold E. Westerhoff, Delno W. Brown, and Phyllis Rike, staff members from Columbus headquarters, also participated.

Members of the Chicago Convention Committee are shown as they held their final meeting October 3 following dinner together.

With Adults in Christian Endeavor

A page especially for Young Adults (25-35) and Adults (36-up)

The Day of God's Gift

by BERT H. DAVIS

The Holy Day of the Christian Church takes on the ppings of a secular holiday.

Economically Christ's Birthday has become important to ail merchants as providing the sales peak for the year. e season is marked with drinking parties and with gifts liquor—and consequently becomes the most dangerous riod in the year for travel by automobile.

Our so-called Christmas cards have been speeding the ular trend. Multitudes of "season's greetings," with pic-es of dogs, squirrels and birds, help us forget what this ay of Christ actually means.

For Christmas is the day of God's Gift. He sent His Only n into the world to live the Father's love among men and draw men to the Father. Since there has been no other ft like this, no other life like that of Jesus, this Day of d's Gift should stand by itself in the faithful Christian's lendar.

To re-mould Christmas in spiritual terms we shall want make it more than ever *the family's day.* We would include the reading of Luke's story of the birth of Jesus and perhaps a hymn poem or two in the customs the family forms for observing Christmas. The occasion is a good one for receiving gifts from every member of the family, to be set aside for a worthy purpose on which youths and adults are agreed.

Gifts to one another, within the family and among close friends? Of course this is in the Christmas spirit, provided the affection expressed is more important than money value. We shall remember that the Master put things—material possessions—in their rightful place. Possessions are entrusted to us for fitting use and enjoyment, and to be shared with others.

The bustle and, yes, the greediness that enter into observing Christmas may be eliminated in a family that does not give elaborately and thoughtlessly. We shall be observing a great Christian occasion if on December 25 we remember seriously and gratefully God's Gift that redeems us for the life everlasting.

ADULT TOPIC SUMMARIES

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee: Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Jay Sheffield

Bible Study

The first topic in this series was carried the preceding issue.)

The Teaching Spirit

John 14:22-27; Acts 2:38

The Holy Spirit was needed to inspire writing of the Word; He is needed by that we may understand the Word. Dur- this meeting, examine ways in which Bible is studied. Divide into four groups equal numbers and have each group oint a secretary. Assign to each group e of these subjects: Sunday morning Bible ool, midweek study, Christian Endeavor, d home Bible study. Ask the groups to et for buzz sessions and discuss how the irit works in each instance. The secre-ies should take notes and give reports en the entire group reassembles. Deter-ne how you may make it possible for the irit to work more effectively in your le study.

The Book We Live By

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 4:20-27

The Bible is one of God's greatest gifts the world. Nothing could endure more ere tests, more harsh criticism, or strong-opposition than has the Bible. The great-s of the Bible, however, does not rest ne in the fact that it has been perpetu-d on paper, but even more that it lives d abides in the hearts and lives of people o have accepted and obeyed its com-nds and precepts. In preparation for the meeting, collect and prepare a display of various versions of the Bible. Try to obtain old and unique copies. Assign these talks: *How We Got the Bible, Persons Who Helped to Preserve the Bible,* and *The Transforming Influence of the Bible.* Allow some time for those present to examine the Bibles on display.

4. Surveying the Bible

II Timothy 3:12-17; Hebrews 1:1-4

Preceding the meeting assign to each of five persons one of the following subjects for a report: the Old Testament—to prepare the way for Christ; the Gospels—to tell us about the life of Christ; the Acts—to tell of the work of the church in New Testament times; the Epistles—to tell us how to live Christian lives; and the Revelation—to tell of the joys and rewards awaiting the Christian. Invite your minister to attend the meeting and be prepared to discuss the unity of the Scriptures.

Family Devotions

1. Basis for Happy Family Life

Psalm 128; Colossians 3:17-21

Putting God first is the cornerstone of the Christian home. The happy home is founded on the rock of godliness. The application of three words will lead to a happy home—submit, love, and obey. "Wives, *submit* yourselves unto your own husbands . . . Husbands, *love* your wives . . . Children, *obey* your parents in all things." Obedience will more likely be present in the home in which the wife is in submission and the husband is loving. Have these principles developed into three talks or discussed by the whole group.

2. Sing a Song of Christmas

Isaiah 9:6,7; Luke 2

Make this a family meeting. Mimeograph and mail invitations on Christmas stationery to every family on your mailing list. Encourage all members of families to attend and sit together. Ask the best reader in your group to be prepared to read Luke 2. Intersperse the reading with the singing of Christmas carols. For example, at the conclusion of the reading of Luke 2:1-4, sing *O Little Town of Bethlehem;* after Luke 2:5-7, *What Child Is This?;* after Luke 2:8-14, *Joy to the World;* etc. Arrange for a soloist to conclude the meeting with the singing of *O Holy Night.*

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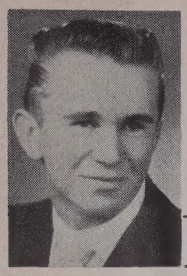

A Talented Musician

I Samuel 16:12-23

No. 1 in a Series: "Young People of the Bible"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **December 3**

Publicity

Have a fellow or girl in the Sunday school come in at announcement time playing an instrument, and follow up with the theme for the evening meeting. Let the Lookout Committee plan a telephone chain to see that every one of your friends has an invitation to the meeting.

Room Arrangement

If possible, bring in floor lamps from various homes and simulate a living room where musical talents are to be expressed. Chairs should be arranged in irregular fashion to center on the area close to the piano.

Program Arrangements

This would be a good opportunity to invite your church choir director to speak a little on choral music and give his testimony of how he entered this field. One or two musicians from your congregation could also lend much to the program.

Suggested Program Outline

Prelude (Pre-Prayer Service)
Hymn Time (Song Service)
Introducing Our Guest (Leader's Introduction)
Guest Artist (Instrumental Number)
Word Symphony (Scripture Reading)
Harmony in Prayer (Sentence Prayers)
Guest Artist (Vocal Number)
Delightful Musing (Discussion)
Finale (Consecration Service)
Postlude (Hymn and Benediction)

Leader's Introduction

Point out that the world is full of various sounds and that we all have a part in it. Not all of us have the same tastes in music, but we must desire to be pleasing to God in whatever we listen to or share with others. Give a short character sketch of David as a youth from I Samuel 16:12-23, noting that verses 12, 13, 18, 21, and 23 point out various traits.

Be sure to look up any difficult word in the dictionary, or compare the reading with a modern translation of the Bible. Close with the thought that the study of David's talent should lead each to consider the use of his own talents. It could be mentioned that there will be closing moments when the roll call will be given. Explain how each is to respond.

Scripture Reading

It will be well to assign each of the daily readings to a young person who can read the text and make a brief content on what those verses mean to him.

Daniel 3:5-12. Point out the wrong use of music in worship.

I Chronicles 15:16-24. Note the use of various instruments in the worship of God.

I Samuel 10:5-9. Note the prophets' use of instruments in their work.

Psalm 150. In how many ways can praise be given to God? It might be well to have pictures from a Bible dictionary to display the various types of instruments in that day.

Psalm 66:1-4. Suggest that a joyful noise brings worship to God and blessing to others.

Psalm 95:1-7a. Note the reasons for singing to the great God.

Discussion

Assignments can be made to six young people to introduce the questions and then lead the youth in open discussion. Or three buzz groups may be formed and each be given a few minutes to discuss two questions and then report back to the entire group.

1. What was the source of David's talent? I Samuel 16:7 could be a key to this. God gives a talent, but how can we go about developing it?

2. How was David's talent used for God? Jesus' parable of the talents might have an application here. Talents must be advantageously used for God's glory.

3. What are the abilities that youth have today? Not all can sing, or play an instrument, but all can use *some* gift for God. Name some of the things that are often taken for granted, such as regular attendance, providing transportation, etc.

4. God has a claim on our talents. How can we listen to His leading concerning their use? The world is clamoring for our time and talent, but can it be trusted? What does it mean to "put first the things of God and His righteousness"?

5. How can we determine the best use of our talents? Weigh the idea that many professions in life are perfectly legitimate, but when we begin to consider their usefulness, perhaps our talents could be better used for Christ in some than in others. Is it enough for the Christian to be satisfied with the least effort on his part to be a useful person? Is it worth the sacrifice of finding and doing our best for God and man?

6. Is it wrong to neglect the use of our abilities? What happens when we do not fulfill our office or take our part in the program of our youth group?

OUR AIMS

1. To realize that all talents are from G and to be thankful for them.
2. To understand that God is willing use whatever talent we have when it dedicated to Him.
3. To dedicate talents, both great a small, to the work of Christ and the churc

Additional Suggestions

If someone is available in your church community to bring a ten-minute desc tion of the origin and use of musical inst ments, it might be fine to know of t Biblical background and how they ente into life of that day.

Perhaps someone familiar with the m terials to be presented in connection w the Christmas season by the church c could take time to explain some of technical matters so that the youth wo be prepared to get the most out of presentations. For full appreciation, mu has to be explained to the average laym

A soloist could present a "message song" with the daily readings serving appropriate pauses between numbers.

This could be music talent night, and t program could be presented by members friends with musical talents. Parents co be special guests and refreshments could served. Or a youth group from anot church might be invited to share with y in the talent program. Bear in mind t season of the year, and also remember th the meeting must be a spiritual blessi Be sure to have the counselor or minis conclude the program with a short dev tional message.

Consecration Service

The old tradition of having an "expe ence meeting" once a month in Christi Endeavor would be very much in ord The roll call could be answered by ea member's giving the verse of a hymn th is specially meaningful, a favorite Scriptu verse, or a testimony about the use of talen Instead of having the secretary call out t members, have someone start and th upon conclusion suggest that another co tinue.

Another means of consecration would to have small cards passed out and to a each one to write his or her talents on th card. At a given time all should place th cards beneath a cross while the group liste to someone singing *Beneath the Cross Jesus.* All could join in the singing of t closing stanza.

You might also want to extend the c for lifework recruits during the meeti Every Christian Endeavor society shou discuss this matter periodically. Your min ter would probably like to come and t with you about devoting your lives to so type of specialized Christian service.

Copies of the folder "What Is a Lifewo Recruit?" and Lifework Recruit Enrollme Cards are available from the Internatio Society of Christian Endeavor. 1221 E Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

If several youth in your society or in s cieties in your area are planning to devo their lives to such service, they might pl to meet regularly for Bible study and work on various activities which they und take together.

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess, field secret of the California Christian Endeavor Union

the Leader

ou will notice that this topic is closely ted to the Christian Endeavor motto, r Christ and the Church." You will e a chance to help others to understand ter the relationship of Christ and the rch. This is the kind of topic that might d to cause a "formal" atmosphere in the eting, because it is a very deep and im- tant subject. But less formality might an more benefit for those present; so ar- ge the chairs and other features of the m so as to encourage free participation he discussion.

Be sure that any assignments for the meet- are given out in time for those taking t to be familiar with their material. Pray en for the Lord's blessing on the meeting d for your part in it. Include several ns and choruses honoring Christ, using e *Church's One Foundation* as the closing n. Be sure to allow time for sentence yers, the offering, and announcements. build up interest at the start, open the cussion with the suggested questions, plus others which you or the counselor might sent.

Open the Discussion

. Give three meanings of the word *rch* as used today.

. What was the earliest forerunner of rship in the church? *(See Genesis 8:20)*

. Why do you think Christ founded the rch? *(For suggestions see John 16:7,8 Acts 1:8)*

. Since founding the church, what has rist been doing for it? *(See II Thessa- ians 3:3; I Peter 2:21; John 15:5)*

. What is His rightful place in the rch today? *(See Colossians 1:18)*

esenting the Topic

LEADER: Our topic can best be studied considering the words of one of the great ns of the church, *The Church's One ndation,* which is familiar to all of us. ne of our members will now discuss some the phrases in the hymn. *(Assign these orehand)* Others may feel free to add to thoughts or ask questions.

. *"The Church's one foundation is Jesus rist her Lord."* In his great confession er said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son he living God." In His answer to Peter, is said, "Thou art Peter (which means *one)* and upon this rock (your confession ne as the Christ) I will build my church." ne believe that Peter is the "rock" upon ich the church is being built, but the rd for "Peter" means just a small stone pared to the great "rock" which is Jesus rist, the true foundation of the church.

. *"From heav'n He came and sought her e His holy bride."* The coming of Christ the world at Bethlehem will soon be ebrated. Christmas reminds us again that d's Son left the glory of heaven to dwell ng sinful men and to call them to Him- . Since that time, He has still been king in men's hearts through His Holy rit. In Revelation 21:9 the church is ed Christ's bride, and John the Baptist ed himself "the friend of the bridegroom" at is, Christ) in John 3:29. Nothing on th can compare with the love Christ has His Church, but God in His Word uses love of a man for his wife as the best

The Founder of the Church

Matthew 16:15-18; Ephesians 2:20-22

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illustration of Christ's love. *(See Ephesians 5:25-28)*

3. *"With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died."* Even in the Christmas season as we think of Jesus as a babe in the manger, we must not forget that He took upon Himself a human body in order that He might shed His blood for our redemption. The founders of most organizations have been accepted and honored by the world, but the Founder of the church, which will exist forever, died a criminal's death. But without His death there would be no church, because the church is made up of all those who have been forgiven of their sins, and "without shedding of blood there is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

4. *"Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth."* If we should meet a group of young people from India and find that they believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord, we would suddenly have a warm feeling toward them as if they had been our friends for a long time. The fellowship of Christ's people is a world-wide bond that crosses the boundaries of nations, races, and denominations. Those who are not of Christ do not understand this bond of love because they do not know the love of Christ that binds His people together. This is Christ's plea, that His people—the church which He has founded—will be united, as a witness of His love before the world.

5. *"One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food."* Every organization honors the name of its founder and very often uses the founder's name for itself. This is especially true of the church. While many names are used among the various branches of the church, its one common name is CHRISTian. The church blesses and honors the name of Jesus Christ because He is her living Lord, because He gave His life to redeem each of her members and give them eternal life, and because through His wonderful presence in each heart He gives daily strength and guidance. Peter wrote, "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious," and He should be to each one of us who knows Him as Saviour. The one holy food of which all the church partakes is God's Word, which builds us up to be stronger Christians and causes us to know Christ better.

6. *"Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One."* The church of Christ is not only a world-wide fellowship within itself, but it is also united in fellowship with God. God created man for fellowship with Himself, but when that fellowship was broken by sin, God in His wonderful love laid the plan to come into the world Himself as Jesus in order to restore the relationship by paying the penalty for man's sin. This is how the church came into being, for the church is composed of all those who have been reunited with God by faith in His Son.

Let's Talk about It

Jesus promised that the gates of hell would not prevail, or stand up, against the church. This suggests that there is a great warfare going on between the church and the forces of evil. Which one is doing the attacking? As part of this great army, the church, what can we as young people do to help in the battle against evil and unbelief?

Who is our strength and helper in the battle? How will He help? *(See Exodus 4:10-12 and Philippians 4:13)*

Christ, the Founder and Head of the church, must have the preeminence in the church if it is to be a strong witness for Him in the world. In what ways can we help give Him first place in the church? In our Christian Endeavor society? In our personal lives?

In the Scripture verses from Ephesians, we are described as stones in the great "temple" of the church, with Christ as the great Cornerstone. What happens when one stone in a building is broken or weak? What challenge does this hold out to us as members of Christ's church? In what ways might our lives become weakened so that they will do harm to His church? What will be the result if we make Christ the Foundation and Cornerstone of our lives each day?

What Is the Church?

(Have one person read the "a" sentences below and someone else answer with the corresponding "b" sentence. This will demonstrate our many uses of the word "church.")

1a. He went into the church but didn't see the church. 2a. He joined the church, but the church didn't know about it. 3a. There are 50 members in the church, but no man knows how many members there are in the church. 4a. The church was demolished, but the church grew larger. 5a. He died and joined the church.

1b. He went into the church *building* but didn't see the church *universal* (world-wide). 2b. He joined the *local* church, but the *universal* church didn't know about it. 3b. There are 500 members in the *local* church, but no man knows how many members there are in the *universal* church. 4b. The church *building* was demolished, but the *local* church (congregation) grew larger. 5b. He died and joined the church *triumphant* in heaven.

Comments by Charles O. Heyward, a member of the staff of the Central Branch Y.M.C.A., Washington, D. C., and a former Christian Endeavor field secretary

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A Youth Measures Up

II Timothy 3:10-17

Universal Bible Sunday

No. 2 in a Series: "Young People of the Bible"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **December 10**

Leader's Planning

Choose six members to present object lessons on the suggested standards of measurement. Make assignments early and help each participant to secure the necessary materials. Give each one four to six minutes for his presentation. Allow for general discussion after each one has spoken. Be sure to check on Friday or early Saturday to see that each one is finding the equipment he needs.

Introducing the Topic

Everything of our daily life is done in terms of some definite measure. The standards by which we live are universal. When we awake in the morning, we look at the clock to check the time and the calendar to see what day it is.

The whole system of measurements by which we live contributes to orderly, satisfying experiences. Our standards of measurement give us a sense of security. A dollar is equal to 100 pennies or ten dimes in New York as it is in Arizona. The date is the same in Michigan and Florida. An hour is 60 minutes long all around the world.

If this is necessary to our physical well-being, why should it be considered so undesirable in relation to one's spiritual life? If our government feels that standards are so essential to our national life, is God less intelligent or practical in the standards He sets for His children?

God created man as an object for His love and fellowship. But only when man is willing to accept God's standards can he have this fellowship with God. When he comes into this fellowship, man finds his highest purpose in life and his greatest joy and peace.

First Speaker

What is your measure by the clock?

Use a clock and a calendar for your object lesson. Point out that each person has the same amount of time each day and that each day is final. Today, December 10, 1961 has never been before, nor will it ever be again. Each day is one more day lived and one day less in which to live. What have you done with today?

To further illustrate the passing of time mark a straight line across the chalkboard or a large sheet of paper. Mark it into equal parts to represent months and the months into days. Illustrate the finality of time by erasing or shading out a day, then a month, a year.

Discuss the things that one should do to make his time most profitable. What are the dangers of getting into the habit of wasting time? Is it possible to waste time on activities that in themselves are good?

Helpful scriptures are: Isaiah 55:6; Psalm 31:15; Matthew 6:33; Romans 13:11; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Revelations 10:6.

Second Speaker

How much do you weigh?

Use bathroom scales or any other kind you can find to illustrate your talk. Rig up a set of balances, using a ruler and small paper plates suspended from threads. Use money, pictures of a basketball star, a movie star, record artists, musicians, etc. to show what some people use as standards of weight. What are the consequences of a life that is built on these *alone?* Show how Christ brings far better things to life than these worldly pleasures. In closing, use the example of Belshazzar, who was weighed and found wanting *(see Daniel 5).*

Third Speaker

By what do you measure your life?

Use a rule and T-square to measure a piece of board and saw it. Saw another piece using the first as a measure, and a third with the second as a measure. By this method each should increase half a saw cut width so that the third will be noticeably longer than the first. Saw one more piece slightly diagonally to illustrate the value of using the T-square.

Show how the measurement of one's life must be by an exact measure rather than merely a measure of some other person. Use the Apostle Paul and Timothy as an example (II Timothy 1:1-2:19). Paul reminded Timothy of their personal relationship by calling him a son in the Gospel, but always he held Christ and the Word before Timothy as the primary things to keep his mind and heart fixed upon.

Point out how the Bible becomes the rule and T-square by which the Christian needs to measure his life and his attitudes. Refer to Matthew 5:1-12 and Ephesians 4:13 as examples of God's T-square.

Fourth Speaker

By what measure do you give? (Read Luke 6:27-38; Romans 12:20, 21) What is your philosophy of life? Is it truly more blessed for you to give than to receive? Can you return good for evil? Can you sincerely pray for those who have misunderstood and mistreated you? This is the test of true Christian love and maturity.

Use the cup measure to show how two cups equal one pint, two pints equal one quart. Use something that will not be messy such as dry beans, rice, etc.

From this object lesson point out that the same things with which one fills his life he will measure out to others. If one gives mercy, love, patience, and kindness, these he will receive in greater measure. The happy person is the giving person, g ing of himself and the labor of his ha that he may glorify God and help his low men. Refer to Matthew 16:24-27; 16-22, 27-30; I Corinthians 9:19.

Fifth Speaker

What are you worth?

Chemically the average adult is wo less than a dollar. Hold up a dollar a ask who thinks he is worth more. Wh one works for wages, he sells himself the hour. He may say he is worth m than $1.25 per hour, while his emplo may feel he is worth only 75c per ho Many men today are selling both bo and soul for a few dollars, only to reali too late that they sold themselves too che and to the wrong master.

Many people are spending their hea to lay up a few treasures here or impr the neighbors with their possessions. He much better to lay up eternal treasures w God in heaven! The greatest things in l cannot be purchased with money. T worth of a man is not measured by l pay check, or his social position, or t titles and degrees attached to his nam A man's true worth is measured by wh he has done to glorify God through servi to his fellow men.

What are you worth on God's marke What have you done to help someone el to realize more happiness? What have y done to ease the pains and griefs of peop around you? Have you ever led anoth to Christ?

Read also Luke 12:13-21; Deuteronon 6:10-12; Psalm 1; Revelation 3:14-22.

Sixth Speaker

Where are you going?

Use a road map and outline briefly a tri on which the map would be invaluable t get you to your destination. Then appl the lesson to the spiritual life.

Where are we going? The Bible give only two possible ultimate destinations fo man: heaven or hell. Everyone will sa he plans eventually to get to heaven. Bu is everyone following the right road map There is only one road map to heaven, an that is the Bible. Many substitutes are o the public market today. They make ma his own god and heaven his own selfis gain. These only lead ultimately to dis appointment and eternal death. We can b sure where we are and where we are goin only if we are going with Christ.

Conclusion

(Led by minister or counselor)

Let each bow his head in silent medi tation and do some measuring in his ow life. There are things that each one mus answer personally before the Lord. (Re view the six basic questions given by eac speaker.)

How do I measure up?

The person in charge should give oppor tunity for members to register decision in seeking to measure up for Christ. Pledg cards, Quiet Hour and Tenth Legion en rollment cards, and Lifework Recruit card are available from the International Society

Comments by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, genera secretary of Christian Education for the Churc of the United Brethren in Christ

the Leader

n making preparation for your meeting sure to read carefully and prayerfully Scripture lesson and the Daily Readings page 18). These will help you to p the message of the church.

ince this is the second in a series of three ons on the early church, it might be a d idea to start the meeting with a short ew of last Sunday's topic. Use the chalk- rd. Write the following questions, and for answers from the Bible.

. What is the church?
. Who owns the church?
. Who planned the church?
. What is the task of the church?
. Who can belong to the church?

or a poster to advertise your meeting w a large picture of a church and neatly t the topic, time and place of your meet- , and an invitation for all Junior Highs ttend.

ppoint two boys and two girls to inter- w some of the leaders of your church and them what they consider the message the church to be. Have the boys and s make a report at the meeting.

t is absolutely essential that those who e part on this program make preparation advance.

the Sponsor

The youth will need much guidance as y prepare this meeting. The Scripture lengthy and difficult and if the entire ssages are used, it might be well to have m read responsively by two of your best ders.

ggested Program Outline

e-Prayer Service
elude: *I Gave My Life for Thee*
ader: Enter into his gates with thanks- giving, and into his courts with praise.
oup: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord.
ymn: *The Church's One Foundation*
ided Prayer: (Ask the Junior Highs to thank God for the church, to ask God's blessing as we study about it, to ask for a new appreciation of what Christ expects His church to accomplish in the world, and of our place in its program.)
ymn: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*
eview and Reports
cripture: Acts 2:14-41; 3:12-16
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ntroducing the Topic

Just before His ascension, Jesus gave the reat Commission *(read Matthew 28:18-20).* e commanded His followers to preach the ospel, to baptize, and to teach all He had mmanded them.

In the Book of Acts we learn about the nal instructions which Jesus gave for the arting of His church, its actual starting, nd what its message to the world was. esus had told His disciples (Luke 24:49) o tarry in Jerusalem until they should be ndued with power from on high. *This was is last command before He ascended to eaven.* He had told them that He must o away, "But the Comforter, which is the oly Ghost, whom the Father will send in y name, he shall teach you all things"

The Message of the Church

Acts 2:14-41; 3:12-16
(Universal Bible Sunday)
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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Since Acts 2 tells of the founding of the church, is it ever right to say that Moses or David or Daniel went to church? Where and how did they worship God?
2. Read II Timothy 2:15. How does this apply to Junior Highs?
3. When we sign the Christian Endeavor pledge, what obligation do we assume toward the church?
4. Read Acts 2:42. For what reasons did the early Christians meet together? Do we meet for the same purposes today?
5. Since the church is the only divine institution on earth, why is it important that every organization within the church have as its aim the carrying out of the divine purpose given by the Lord Himself?
6. Is the message of the church the same today as in the beginning?
7. How has the message of the church changed you?

(John 14:26a). Also He had promised Peter "the keys to the kingdom" (Matthew 16:19) that he might open the kingdom to all by making known the conditions of entrance. The disciples *did* tarry at Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit *did* come and give them power and knowledge, and Peter's preaching *did* make known the conditions of salvation through Christ for the *first* time.

On the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection and ten days after the ascension of Christ, the apostles were gathered together in the temple. Our Scripture lesson tonight tells what Peter preached, what the result was among the people, what they were told to do, and what they did: "Then they that gladly received His word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about 3,000 souls" (Acts 2:41).

What was the message of the church? Is it still the same today?

The Message of the Church

1. *Jesus is the Christ* (Acts 2:32-36; Matthew 16:16). The rock was not Peter, and only indirectly his confession when he said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." The Rock was Christ Himself, and upon this rock the church was to be built.

2. *Remission of sins* (Acts 2:38; Romans 3:23-25). Under the law, atonement for sins was made by sacrificing animals upon the altar at the temple. But now, Jesus, the Lamb of God, has been slain, crucified on the cross for the sins of the world. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. The message of the church is remission of sins through the blood of Christ.

3. *Promise of eternal life* (Acts 2:24; I Corinthians 15:13-23). We have a Saviour who was able to break the bonds of death and come forth from the tomb by His own power. Men used to argue as to whether an airplane could fly across the ocean; Charles Lindbergh gave the answer. The question will never be argued again. When Christ arose from the grave He gave absolute proof that life is unending. All of the arguments of history could not equal the demonstration of that first Easter morning. Because He lives, we shall live also.

4. *Courage for daily living* (Acts 4:13; 5:25-29; 7:59, 60; 12:1-11). *Before* the resurrection of Christ, Peter had vowed he would be faithful to Christ, even though the whole world should forsake Him; Peter fell asleep in the garden when Jesus had asked him to watch while He prayed; Peter followed afar off and fled in terror when the soldiers took Jesus; and he denied the Lord three times. *After* the resurrection Peter preached with such power on the day of Pentecost that 3,000 were converted; he was thrown in jail for preaching about the resurrection, but, instead of being afraid, he boldly answered his accusers. This is the courage we can have as Christians.

5. *He is coming again* (Acts 1:10,11; John 14:1-3). Certainly one part of the message of the church is that Jesus is coming again one of these days to claim His own. The true Christian will want to live in such a way that he will be ready when the Lord comes.

6. *Inward peace* (Acts 7:54-60; 16:19-34). If you or I should be cast into prison today, one of the first things we would think about would be to contact someone who could help us to get out. We would probably be pretty much upset and not very calm or peaceful inside. Paul and Silas used the experience to glorify God. As proof that they had the peace of God in their hearts, they were singing and praying at midnight.

What do you think was the secret of Stephen's prayer of forgiveness for those who stoned him? How may we have the peace of Christ in our hearts?

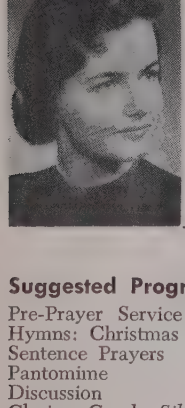
Practical Projects

Set a goal for church attendance for the members of your society — for both the morning and evening services. Have the Lookout Committee keep record, and make regular reports to your business meetings.

Set aside the last five minutes of the meeting to pray God's blessing on the minister and the evening church service. Many Junior High societies attend church in a body every Sunday night, sitting near the front where they can be of real inspiration to their minister.

Memorize Peter's sermon which he gave on Pentecost, the birthday of the church (Acts 2:14-40).

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb, wife of a retired Christian Church minister and a teacher in a Christian day school in California



A Young Bride

Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-7

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Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **December 17**

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymns: Christmas Carols
Sentence Prayers
Pantomime
Discussion
Closing Carol: *Silent Night*
Benediction

Purpose

That young people may realize that they, like Mary, can bring their lives into complete surrender to the will of God and to *delight* in doing whatever He asks.

For the Leader

Besides making a poster to put up, use a telephone brigade and call every society member to invite him to attend.

Be sure to include Christmas caroling in your plans for the holiday season.

If you prefer, a film or filmstrip might be used rather than the pantomime. However, be sure to include the discussion questions in your meeting, for they are directed toward the purpose of the meeting.

Pantomime

Characters: Narrator, Mary, Angel, Elizabeth, Joseph (all in appropriate costumes)

While the Narrator reads, the characters may act out their parts in person or as shadows behind a sheet hung up for a screen with a light behind it. If casting shadows, they may wear simpler costumes. Their actions should follow the thoughts in the script.

For background music, play softly recorded Christmas choir or instrumental music rather than the familiar carols.

Narration

INTRODUCTION

Many, many years ago there lived a young girl named Mary. Mary did not have a large, beautiful home, nor fine, expensive clothes, for she came from a poor family. She was not from a socially prominent family. But Mary was a very happy girl. Material things were not important to her. She loved God and followed His commandments. She was happy living in her home with her parents.

She had another reason to be happy—she had found the man she loved and was engaged to be married. He was a fine man. He loved her dearly. He was kind and gentle. He would be a good provider, for he had a useful trade. He was a carpenter. His name was Joseph.

SCENE 1

(Mary is on stage busily sorting linens, making lists, etc.)

As we look in on Mary we see that she is very excited. Just yesterday she and Joseph announced their engagement, and now she is preparing her things for their new home. She has been busy all day long washing and pressing linens, getting her trousseau ready, and making list upon list of things that must be done before they are married. She is also making plans for their wedding ceremony. Although it will not be elaborate, for her family cannot afford it, there will be many of her friends there and it will be the happiest day in her life.

The day is almost ended now, and Mary kneels for meditation and prayer as she always does in the evening. As she bows her head in prayer, a strange and wonderful thing happens. *(Angel appears with special lighting)* The room suddenly takes on an unearthly glow, and standing before her is the angel Gabriel.

The angel speaks to her saying, "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." Mary is quite troubled at his saying, and wonders what all this means. The angel continues, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

And Mary, not quite understanding how she could become a mother while not yet married, asks the angel how it will be. The angel answers her saying, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God . . . . For with God nothing shall be impossible."

And Mary, accepting with great faith all that the angel said, believing fully that all this is possible, and being willing to submit to God's will replies, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And the angel departs from her.

SCENE 2

(Elizabeth is on stage, Mary enters with luggage as if just arriving for a visit)

Mary, whose life has been changed in an instant from the excitement and preparation for marriage to the wonder of the coming birth of a son who is to be the Son of God, now takes a trip to a city of Judah to her cousin, Elizabeth.

Elizabeth knows the good news of the coming birth of Jesus as soon as Mary speaks to her. She says, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb . . . . and blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance those things which were told her from t Lord."

As they sit down to talk, Mary is al to put into words her joy in allowing Go will in her life, even though she realiz that many of her friends will not und stand that her child is from God. She say *(read Luke 1:46-55).*

SCENE 3

After Mary returns to her home in Naz reth and tells Joseph of the coming bir of Jesus, he is fearful as to what he shou do.

An angel of the Lord appears to him a dream saying, "Joseph, thou son of Davi fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wif for that which is conceived in her is of t Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth son, and thou shalt call his name JESU for he shall save his people from the sins."

Then Joseph, believing what the ang had said and, like Mary, being willing allow God's will in his life no matter wh the earthly consequences, takes Mary his wife. Their wedding is quite differe from what they had planned. It is a ver small, quiet affair with only their imm diate family attending.

Very soon after their marriage, they lea that they must go to Bethlehem to be taxe And while they are there, Jesus is bor in a stable, for there is no room for the in the inn.

Can you imagine Mary's feelings durin this time? She knows and never doub for a moment that He is the Son of Go Yet here He is born in the lowliest of a places, a stable, with only a manger whe the animals are fed to cradle his hea Her faith certainly must be very great realize that although things are not cle to her now, someday this child will reig as the promised Messiah.

Mary has come a long way from the tim we first met her as an excited young gi planning her wedding. She is now the moth er of God's Son, having shown greatne of faith, greatness of humility, and grea ness of submission in being willing for Go to possess her life.

Comments by Mrs. Edward Fierce, editor of th Illinois ENDEAVORER and sponsor with h husband of the High School society of th Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria, Illinois

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why was Mary chosen to become t mother of Jesus?
2. Why did Mary not resent God's plan make her life different from the lives of o others?
3. Why did Mary go to visit her cous Elizabeth?
4. Why did Joseph consider not takin Mary as his wife?
5. Why was Joseph instructed by the ang to continue with his plans to marry her?
6. Why is Mary worshiped in som churches today?
7. What should be our attitude towar Mary?
8. Do you know any woman who exhibit the qualities of Mary in the church today?
9. How can we be as obedient as Mary See Psalm 37:5.
10. Is there a difference between submittin to the will of God and delighting in it?

gested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Pray that as a result of this meeting, he group will have a greater appreciaon of the church and its work.)
ude
to Worship: "The Lord is my light nd my salvation; whom shall I fear? the ord is the strength of my life; of whom hall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1)
ocation
mn: *The Church's One Foundation*
pture Reading: Acts 2:41-47
yer Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
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nouncements and Introduction of Guests
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ader's Introduction

During this meeting we shall study the wth of the Church universal, the growth our denomination (or brotherhood), and growth of our own local church. We ll first look at the past, then we shall te what is presently being done, and ally we shall consider our responsibility the future as workers in the church.

Look at the Past

The Church Universal

Through the years, the church has met position and persecution from many perns and in various ways. Attempts were ade to kill Jesus from the time of His fancy. Later, attempts were made to mp out the newly-established church, t the Scriptures explain that the exact posite occurred. When persecutions came, hristians "were scattered abroad" and herever they went, they preached and on new followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Three thousand souls were won on the ay of Pentecost, and the number continued grow. Christians opened their homes and vited the leaders to hold services, and ey shared their possessions with one anher as any had need.

DISCUSSION: Why did the early church ow and progress so rapidly? What was e attitude of its members toward God? hat was their attitude toward Christ? hat was their attitude toward one anher?

My Denomination (or Brotherhood)

Ask a leader of your church to trace e history of your movement from its benning to the present.

Consult your minister or church librarian r resource material.

My Local Church

The plan suggested above may be folwed concerning your own congregation so.

Look at the Present

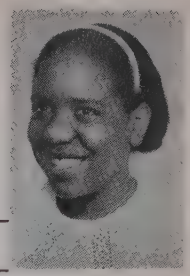
The Church Universal

Upon considering its present membership gures, we note that the church continues

The Growth of the Church

Acts 2:41-47

No. 3 in a Series: "When the Church Was Young"



December 17 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

to move forward. People are far more church-conscious than ever before. More people are affiliated with more congregations than ever before, and this is truly cause for rejoicing. But we realize that we still have much to do.

The church today continues to seek to preach, teach, serve, and worship in a way that is pleasing to God and in a way by which God's will can be made known to men.

DISCUSSION: Why is the church growing today? Are the reasons the same as in the early church?

2. My Denomination (or Brotherhood)

Discuss progress being made presently by your own religious movement. You might consult your church yearbook.

3. My Local Church

(Consider your own congregation today and think concerning its growth, its accomplishments, its ministry, its shortcomings, and other items which may be of interest to Junior Highs.)

Many churches have shown tremendous growth recently and have outgrown their buildings and facilities. Many have employed additional workers, and many more volunteer workers have been used.

The ministry of the church is unique in our community, and because of its wide range of service and its willingness to serve, it continues to move forward. The church holds various services of worship, conducts preaching services, has a teaching ministry, cares for the poor, assists those in sorrow, and reaches out to help others in need.

DISCUSSION: How many churches are located in our community?

How many are in our immediate vicinity?

How many new churches have been built recently or are in the process of being built?

How rapidly are our churches growing?

How effective is the ministry of our own congregation?

How can our church have a more effective ministry?

How many people do not go to church in our community?

How can the church reach them?

Are there ways in which our churches should be working together more effectively?

What is the greatest need of our churches in order that we might serve the community, and most of all serve the Lord better?

A Look at the Future

Many lessons may be learned by looking at the example of others who have been faithful in the great progress of the church. In studying both the past and the present, certain qualities and characteristics of various Christians stand out. These should be observed and copied.

If the church is to continue to move forward, there must be many who will give their all in the service of the Master. There must be persons who will follow the example of the early church in faith, in love, and in obedience. Above all else, we must follow the example of the Master Himself.

The church will move forward as people are willing to serve. It has been said that "the church is filled with willing people; some are willing to work and others are willing to let them." All of us fit into one category or the other! Which is yours?

We must realize our responsibility to our church and thus to God, and we must be willing to share in the work of Christ. As we look ahead and think about the future of the church, let us pledge ourselves:

to pray daily for our church, our minister, the members of our church, and for the blessings of God upon our church's program for the year;

to put forth every effort to be present at the worship services, youth meetings, and other gatherings which particularly concern us;

to remember the Quiet Hour and thus take time every day for the reading of the Bible and for prayer and meditation;

and to assist in the program of the church in every way in which we are called upon to do so.

Closing Moments

The counselor may use the closing moments of the program to impress upon the members their responsibility to the church.

Opportunity may be given for testimonies from youth concerning "What the Church Means to Me," "What My Church Has a Right to Expect of Me," "What I Have a Right to Expect of My Church," and other subjects on which Junior Highs might like to speak.

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, $5 per dozen, $40 per hundred.

Comments by Rev. C. Ray Miller, minister of the Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Because It's Christmas

Luke 2:7-19

(Christmas Sunday)

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **December 24**

OUR AIM

To grasp the significance of the miracle o the birth of a Saviour that sent the shepherd out to praise God and to tell the world o His birth—and to consider its significance fo our own lives.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Opening Prayer
Hymn: *Joy to the World*
Announcements and Offering
Hymns: *O Come, All Ye Faithful; Silent Night.*
Special Music
Scripture: Luke 2:7-19
Leader's Introduction
Keeping Watch by Night
Let Us Go and See
A Saviour for You
Hymn: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
Closing Prayer

Publicity

Where youth will see, hang bright ribbons with cardboard Christmas tree ornaments strung on them. Make the ornaments large enough so that you can write or type in the time, date, place, and subject of the meeting.

Leader's Introduction

Because it is Christmas we do certain things that would seem out of place at any other time. It is impossible to imagine a decorated tree as part of a birthday celebration or poinsettias in the church for Easter. Christmas preparations take many people more time during December than they have spent in prayer in the other eleven months of the year.

The sad truth is that, like the tree and poinsettias, most of the Christmas planning has nothing at all to do with the birth of Jesus Christ. Even the tiny manger scene resting quietly on top of the television set looks down on the drama of Christmas as the story of Santa Claus, the message of joy translated into wild office parties and drunkenness in Times Square.

Is it ever possible to go back to the hillside where the first Christmas brought joy? Are we too familiar with the birth of Jesus to understand the miracle of God, alive in that stable? Look again at the truth about the birth of Christ.

Have you ever wondered why the shepherds were guarding their sheep out on the hills in the night? We know from many sources, from even Jesus Himself, that it was common for the shepherd to lead the sheep every evening at dusk to the sheepfold. When they were all in the small, fenced yard, the shepherd would often lie down across the door to guard the sheep during the night.

But on the night that Jesus was born, there were shepherds out on the hillside. We do not know, of course, that Jesus was born in December. We have no way of proving when He was born. It is possible that He was really born in the spring and that the shepherds were watching over the ewes during lambing season. Whenever it was, let us go back and look into the mind of one of the shepherds as he sits by the fire and fights to keep awake.

Monologue: Keeping Watch by Night

It is always the same. When there is some excitement in town, I am always out with the sheep. On the last feast day we spent the night searching for a lost ram. Now, when all of Bethlehem is full and strangers are filling the inns, I must spend the night by the fire. Someday I am going to leave Bethlehem and travel to far places. I will not spend the rest of my life in the fields with the sheep. Nothing important will ever happen in this forsaken place!

Narration

And suddenly there was an angel of the Lord with the shepherds. The angel stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with terror. But the angel told them, "Do not be afraid; I have good news for you: there is great joy coming for all the people. Today in the city of David a Saviour has been born to you—the Messiah, the Lord. And this will be your sign: you will find the baby wrapped up and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a great company of heavenly hosts with the angel, singing the praises of God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth his peace for men on whom his favor rests."

After the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds talked together excitedly.

Dialogue: Let Us Go and See

First Shepherd: Stand up, Gideon. There is nothing to fear! We must go straight to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened.

Second Shepherd: How can we know we didn't dream it all? If the Messiah has really been born, wouldn't the angel go first to tell the priests and elders?

First Shepherd: It may be strange, but it was not a dream! I trust my own ears and eyes. The Lord has told this to us for His own reasons.

Second Shepherd: A baby, lying in a manger! Does it mean that we will look in a *stable* for the Messiah?

First Shepherd: Yes, we are going to Bethlehem and see for ourselves.

Narration

So they went with great speed and found their way to Mary and Joseph; and the baby was there, lying in the manger. When they saw him, they repeated what they had been told about the child. And everyone who heard the story was astonished at what had happened.

Mary remembered all these things and often thought them over carefully. And the shepherds went back to the fields, glorifying and praising God for what th had heard and seen. It had all happen just as they had been told!

A Saviour for You

What is the truth of Christmas?

We have so often been surprised at t thought of a newborn baby sleeping in feeding trough. We have annually sur about the unbelievable appearance of ang to a group of tired and frightened shepher We have brought the manger scene to li many times, and year after year some há come forward to kneel as shepherds.

Yet the shepherds themselves were n transformed by either the coming of t angels or the strangeness of the stabl They went back to their sheep that nigh praising God because they believed th message of the angel—"A Saviour has bee born for you." The miracle of Christm is expressed in that phrase. When the she herds looked into the manger, they face God for the first time in their lives!

We have come to expect Christmas t give us a thrilling experience of excit ment. But we have cluttered its trut with our own preparations of food and gif and decorations. We have turned th spotlight on the baby in the manger, ofte forgetting that this is not just a sentiment nursery rhyme, but that it is the story God's breaking into time and becomin a human being.

We have avoided the reality of Chris mas. It is not important that we smile the baby in the manger. However, it absolutely essential that we decide whethe we believe the miracle of His birth. Fo if it is true that God Himself steppe into the world at that time, then we ar not reciting just another "Christmas story in recalling the birth of Jesus. We are dea ing with history, with truth. And eve if the stable was a dark and dirty plac for the birth of the Son of God, yet it wa perfectly in keeping with His life whic moved steadily toward the cross of Ca vary.

Perhaps we have never really understoo Christmas. Maybe it should not be a tim for ringing bells and shouting. Maybe should be a time for kneeling and facin God ourselves. *Because it's Christmas* w should sing from our hearts,

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.

As the shepherds returned to the field so we must return to everyday living afte Christmas. But no one can return afte considering the real meaning of Christma without having made a decision. You wi either refuse to apply its meaning to you own life, or you will praise God in all yo do, for "a Saviour has been born for you. *(If there is sufficient time, discuss specifi differences which the real meaning of Christ mas should make in the lives of young peo ple.)*

Comments by Mrs. Wesley H. Brown, who ho just returned as a Baptist missionary to th Republic of Congo with her husband and fou children

OUR AIMS

1. To review the story of the first ristmas.
2. To relate the story of the first Christmas th our own lives today.
3. To project ourselves into the real mean- g of Christmas and thus make Christ the nter of our Christmas.
4. To do something about putting Christ to Christmas for everybody.

vertising

Make a large poster to display strate- ally two weeks prior to the meeting. ve it made by someone who will take e to do it right and who has the ability l interest to want to make it attractive. this poster paint or picture Scriptural bols of Christmas: (1) angels singing h caption *Praise Him like the Angels,*) angel with scroll, reading, with caption *ten to the News,* (3) wise men with cap- n *Where Is He?* (4) a bright, shining r with caption *Do You Point the Way Christ?* (5) a picture of Mary, with Jesus the manger, with the caption *Do You ten Think about Him?* (6) shepherds veling in haste, with caption *Do Hurry Find the Christ,* (7) wise men worship- the Christ with their gifts, with the tion *Have You a Birthday Gift for Him?* d (8) shepherds back at the field talking h others, with caption *Others Need to ow Too.* Over the whole poster, place s heading:

ATTEND JUNIOR HIGH
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR—DECEMBER 24
RELIVE THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

mosphere

Since this Christian Endeavor meeting ll be on Christmas Eve, those in charge the meeting should make every effort to ke the meeting room say to each one o enters—*Because It's Christmas.* At e front of the room at either side, have o small evergreen trees decorated only th small neatly wrapped Christmas pres- ts and lights. Between the two trees and evated so it can be seen, when wanted, ve a concealed manger scene, in which e just a manger, a baby doll, and a flood- ght. Have an artistic banner with the rding glittered, which reads, BECAUSE IT'S RISTMAS.

rrangement of Program

Each section of this program is based on rases from the Scriptures relating to the hristmas story as found in Isaiah, Matthew, d Luke. Each section should be intro- uced by the leader with appropriate re- arks carefully worked out beforehand. ote that the parts of the program, when mpleted, spell Christmas.

AROLING HIS STORY

This part of the program should be the ng service, lasting only as long as it can e to keep the entire program within the heduled hour. Choose the Christmas carols at are in keeping with the sentence, "And ddenly there was with the angel a multi- de of the heavenly host praising God" Luke 2:13), such as *Joy to the World* and *ark! The Herald Angels Sing.*

ERALDING HIS BIRTH

This should be introduced by the lead- 's introduction using "For unto you is rn this day a Saviour" (Luke 2:11a). hen have the following Scriptures read: aiah 9:6,7; 7:14; and Matthew 1:21.

Because It's Christmas

Luke 2:7-19

(Christmas Sunday)

December 24 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

R-EGISTERING HIS FAMILY

At this time make a roll call of all members present after an introduction by the leader using Luke 2:4 and 5. As the roll is called, each Junior High member present should finish this sentence, "Since I am enrolled in Christ's family, Christmas means to me . . . ."

I-NQUIRING HIS WHEREABOUTS

The Scripture the leader should use to introduce this section is from Matthew 2:2 —"Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" Arrange beforehand for a capable speaker to bring a short devotional message on "Where Is He in Christmas Today?"

S-HINING FOR HIM

Introduce this section with Matthew 2:9. Make it a brief discussion period on "How can we point out Christ's real place in Christmas?" Here the wrapped boxes on the two Christmas trees should be used. The boxes contain not presents, but helps on the above discussion question. The leader should work out in advance enough questions and thoughts pertinent to the discussion so as to assure success as to adequate coverage. These questions and thoughts should be individually wrapped in small gift boxes and hung on the two trees. Have each member open one and contribute to the discussion.

T-HINKING ABOUT HIM

This is to be the worship service *(see below).* It will be introduced by the leader with Luke 2:19.

M-ARCHING TO HIS MANGER

Following the worship service, which should reach its peak in a desire to do something for Christ, there should be moments of dedication. The leader's introduction should be these two portions of Christmas Scripture—"and they came with haste" and "they presented unto Him gifts." Through beforehand preparation for this meeting, each member should be asked to bring a gift for some designated project. It could be something for a revered older member of the church, some child in an orphanage, etc. The gifts should be wrapped and ready to use in this service.

As the leader is giving the short introduction, the curtains that have concealed the manger should be opened, the room lights should be turned off, and the spotlight should be turned on over the manger. One by one each Christian Endeavor member should walk to the manger and place his gift beside it, pause briefly for silent prayer, and return to his place.

A-DORING HIM

The leader should introduce this section by reading Luke 2:13,14. Then have somebody sing or read *The Birthday of a King.*

S-HARING HIM WITH OTHERS

In preparing to receive the offering, the leader should read Luke 2:17. The offering should be sent to some mission enterprise for telling the story of Christ.

Suggested Program Outline

(using material above and below)

Pre-Prayer Service
Carol Sing
Scripture Reading
Roll Call
Devotional Message
Discussion
Worship Service
Gift Dedication
Special Music
Offering
Closing Carol
Benediction

Worship Service

Quiet Music
Call to Worship: Psalm 139:23
Carol: *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*
Brief Guided Meditation
Litany or Sentence Prayers

Pointers to the Leader

1. Begin at least one month in advance to plan this meeting so all will go smoothly.
2. Appoint someone to be responsible for the decorations. Work with him to get what you want.
3. Secure a good soloist who will add to the meeting the worshipful atmosphere you want at the right spot.
4. Work with your counselor to arrange the gifts project. If the recipient is a local resident, the gifts could be delivered later in the evening.
5. Be sure the questions and thoughts for discussion are well worked out and that they contribute to the discussion.
6. Arrange to have a capable song leader and pianist.
7. Be sure your Scripture reader is selected ahead of time and practices the reading.
8. Give typed copies of the program to all participants so that few announcements will have to be made.
9. Make sure the one you ask to bring the message understands his part and does not take more time than you designate.
10. Lead the worship service yourself.
11. Make prior arrangements for ushers for the offering.
12. Work out the time alloted for each section carefully so that your program does not drag out.

Comments by Mrs. Newell Morgan, a grade school teacher in Boise, Idaho, and wife of the minister of First Christian Church

Year-End Sale

Genesis 25:29-34; Amos 8:4-6

(New Year's Sunday)

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **December 31**

Purpose

The ending of a year provides an opportune time for evaluating the past and planning the future. In this service, a challenge should be presented to youth to put aside certain unnecessary things in their lives so that they may better avail themselves of the opportunities in a new year. Be certain that the service closes on a high note of personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

Publicity

If possible, individual mailing pieces patterned after the "sale" or "clearance" announcements used by local merchants should be sent to present and prospective members. Posters using this theme could also be used effectively. Remember, if people do not know of your meeting, they won't attend!

Room Arrangement

With a little imagination, you can make this one of the most unusual meetings of the year. Plan to arrange the room as a sales area. On a table or tables, place posters describing certain merchandise for sale. The following might be included in this year-end sale: half-finished dreams, left-over romances, broken promises, uncompleted responsibilities, good deeds not performed, unforgiven sins, apologies never made, etc. See Colossians 3 for other ideas concerning items that can be displayed as being undesirable in the lives of Christian youth.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Pre-service time for browsing among the "sale merchandise"
Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:1
Hymn Time
Scripture Reading: Genesis 25:29-34; Amos 8:4-6
Prayer Time
Leader's Introduction
Talks on the Topic
Discussion Period
Benediction

Leader's Introduction

(Plan to use your own words to relate these ideas)

Just as a merchant accumulates merchandise during the year which becomes soiled or damaged or which just didn't sell, so we accumulate in our lives broken dreams, unfinished tasks or ideas, and undesirable attitudes and habits. The merchant must sell the merchandise which clutters up his shelves to make room for new and seasonable goods. In order to get his money out of such goods and to obtain the needed space, he conducts a clearance sale at the end of the year. This New Year's Eve offers us an ideal time for "taking stock" of our lives and "unloading" all that which is not needed or desirable for the New Year ahead.

A good merchant follows certain principles in evaluating his goods and deciding what is to be sold at sacrifice prices and what is to be retained as current stock. He cannot afford too many mistakes, since his profits depend on his good judgment. Likewise, Christian young people must be guided wisely in evaluating the issues of life, or they may make mistakes and suffer eternal losses. Our talks this evening should help us to form certain standards and motives by which we can discern that which is good and cast off that which is evil.

Talks on the Topic

1. *Why must we "sell out"?* Jesus said, "Narrow is the way which leadeth unto life . . . ." (Matthew 7:14). This restricted entrance is emphasized in the conversation between Jesus and the rich young ruler who came to Him. This young man wanted to know, "What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Jesus told him to go and sell his possessions "and come and follow me." Paul testified that he counted many so-called advantages in life as being "garbage." Forgetting such things, he kept "reaching forth unto those things which are before" (Philippians 3:8,13).

Our call to worship this evening used the words of Hebrews 12:1. The Hebrew writer used the illustration of an athletic event to drive home his point. The runner trained himself physically, then cast off every excessive weight and hindrance, and ran to win. If we are to run and win as Christian youth, we must rid ourselves of "every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Thus, we must rid ourselves of all which would keep us from wholeheartedly following Jesus Christ.

2. *What shall we sell?* The merchant is careful in the selection of his sale merchandise. So must we be careful in what we dispose of in life. Young people are often tempted to take "short cuts" in their efforts to arrive at their goals in life. If popularity is your goal, then there is a temptation to cast aside virtue and moral decency, since these often appear to stand in the way. If material benefit is your objective, then it may appear expedient to lay aside pure honesty and take advantage of a few questionable practices and "deals." If grades are important to you (and they should be), the opportunity will come t use unchristian means to achieve good ports. Before you decide to sell out wrong things, consider the life of Esau.

Esau, as the oldest son of Isaac, was titled to the birthright. At the death Isaac, he would assume the honor of bei head of the family and a double share of t inheritance. In a moment of exhausti and hunger, Esau sold this birthright to younger brother. It is evident Esau thou all he ever wanted out of life was the fr dom to roam the hills and valleys in sear of wild game. What did he care about t responsibilities or honors of heading t family? What did he need with a dou portion of his father's goods? So long he had his strength and his weapons, would get by.

Young people are constantly tempted think just as Esau did. We are very pro to consider only the immediate moment a what we want from it. Because some ha not considered the whole of life and Go will for them, they often sell themselv body and soul to the wrong purpose the wrong price. It is against this th Jesus warned when he said, "For what sh it profit a man, if he shall gain the wh world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:3

The standard of values for a Christi life is summed up in Jesus' challenge, "B seek ye first the kingdom of God and h righteousness" (Matthew 6:33a). Pa elaborated on this standard often, and h letter to the Colossians makes it very pla that certain things have to go if we a to express our Christian faith *(see Colossia 3:1-11).*

3. *Let the buyer beware!* When the me chant puts his wares up for sale, let us r member that this is merchandise whi could not be sold at regular prices. So people impulsively buy "bargains" only discover later they did not get a real val for their money. So it is with life. If it desirable to put aside certain things a attitudes, it is even more desirable to discerning concerning those things which take into our lives. A poor habit or que tionable objective is no bargain at any pric The advice of Paul in Colossians is not on to "have done with lesser things," but al to "let your thoughts dwell on the high realm."

For Discussion

Lenin, the philosopher and founder of co munism as it is practiced in Russia, once sai "If any man will come after me, let him consid himself dead." This was his challenge to t people who wanted to join his social revolutio With such an attitude of life, they have enslav one-third of the world.

What can we as Christian young people lea from this? Does not Christ expect of us an ev greater measure of devotion? Why is it that w are not willing to "sell everything" for His sak

What is to be lost by not making such surrender to Christ? What is gained by riddi ourselves of every encumbrance that we mig more readily serve Christ and the church?

Comments by Rev. George Weaver, pastor of t Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

Church Doors Are Open

Revelation 3:20

(New Year's Sunday)

December 31 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can I prepare myself to enter open ors of service for the church?
2. How are the missionaries of our church eparing themselves for opening doors?
3. How can the church become strong ough my faithfulness?
4. Why is a life of faith so essential to a mber of the church?
5. What are the ways in which we need to ow in order to be more worthy and ective members of our church?
6. What is the greatest contribution that church makes to our community?
7. What open doors are there for all ristians to live as brothers?

r Aims

. To realize the timeliness of New Year's lutions as they relate to the Church.

. To point out that New Year's is a ndid time to confess Christ as Saviour to walk through the open doors of the urch.

. To see anew the seriousness of our s to Christ and the Church.

r Poster

Have someone draw a fairly large pic- of your own church and mount it on arger piece of cardboard. Beneath the ure write, "I am your church. I will k of open doors tonight." Then across bottom of the poster give the time and e of your meeting. Make booklets cut he shape of your church. Write in them topic of this meeting, and use the book- as special invitations.

rship Suggestions

Prelude: *The Church in the Wildwood*

Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation, llenge of the New Day,* and *For Christ the Church*

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-4; Ephesians 4:11-16; elation 3:20

Prayer: To be true to the church

Feature: Develop an entrance to a church n cardboard to place at the front of the m. Arrange so doors can open. As voices hurch leaders come over the loud speak- or from outside the room place a card- rd identifying their challenge to youth he open doorway. Suggested challenges:

. The Voice of Missions
. The Voice of Leadership
. The Voice of Teaching
. The Voice of Service
. The Voice of Courageous Living

urch Doors Are Open Now

t hasn't been very long ago that Jan- y 1, 1962 was a whole year away—a g, long time! But was it far off? In lity the step between New Year's days brief. Now we stand again upon the eshold of a New Year. In our hearts feel an honest frankness, an intense eager- s. The world of the "now" holds terrify- possibilities for us.

n this very moment we know that temp- ons with irresistible glamor confront us. l comes with enticing pressure. The dy thing, the suggestive story, and the did standards thrust themselves upon the t of us. Radio, television, movies and k-paper magazines connive together to ate and sustain an atmosphere of so- stication flaunting home virtues. It is very easy to drift with the crowd—to pursue no long-time view of life.

In the next moment the greater goals of life loom before us. We need a new appreciation of the heritage of true Christian faith that has come down to us. In the spirit of Christ we must say with the poet Oliver Wendell Holmes in *The Chambered Nautilus:*

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length are free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!

As we stand upon this threshold of a new year, shall we go back into the old room of 1961 and live as we did then? No, we cannot go back! We may continue to live as we did in the old year, but we can never recall a single moment of it. We must leave the "outgrown shell," for there is a new room to enter. Today if we will, we may leave behind all the errors, the mistakes, and even the sins of our past. By the help of God in Christ, we may break with all that is sordid, ugly, and undesirable within us.

Christ went to the cross that sin, in any form, might not have dominion over us. The promise is that to as many as received Him, Christ gave the right "to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). As a child of God, with the forgiveness of Christ in our hearts, we may enter the new room of 1962. God is opening a new door for us. We have the privilege to make new resolutions for nobler living in the new year.

Good resolutions may help some by themselves. But our enemies, who would see us clutter up that room with the undesirable, are too strong and wise to rout by merely strong thinking. Christ *alone* can give us power to break with the wrong, then to rise above it and conquer it, and lastly to fill our hearts with purity and goodness. As Paul said, "Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21) —the good which Christ alone can provide us.

What will be our answer to the challenge to enter the New Year as a "new" person in Christ? Will we accept the Gospel for what it is—"the power of God unto salvation"?

Church Doors Open to Work

The church doors are open to us to do God's work. One Endeavorer, active in church work, writes: "My biggest trouble seems to be in wanting to put into practice *instantly* every good thing suggested to improve our church. Isn't it true that one minute your heart skips a beat with enthusiasm and the next minute some problem almost stops it altogether?"

We know just what this fellow means. Church work offers such rich opportunities that we are challenged to give our all. We want the church to move forward with vigor. Then suddenly we discover that others do not think as we do, that they do not have the vision which we have, that they see obstacles which obstruct us. Then we are in danger of being "bogged down" in fulfilling our dream.

Yet it is the glory of youth to hurdle difficulties. Youth are not easily discouraged. There is always some way of accomplishing our dreams. We are never content until our ideals are achieved. There must be progress in the church!

"Stick to your dreams, intrepid few!
The world has bitter need of you."

Our Vows to the Church

When we confessed Christ as Lord and became His followers, we took certain vows as members of the church. We need to be reminded of them and to take them upon ourselves anew as we begin the New Year of 1962.

I count my membership in the church, with the opportunities and responsibilities which it involves, one of the most important relationships of my life.

I will support the work of the church with my time, talent, and treasure.

I like the people in the church.

I am proud of the history of the church.

I recognize the divine origin of the Church, founded by Christ, blessed by God, and guided by the Holy Spirit.

I would not want to live in a community without a church.

I believe that the church has a peculiar challenge and opportunity to help humanity in this trying hour.

I feel that I would not be true to Christ if I did not show my colors.

I need the human and divine fellowship which I find only in the church.

My Resolution

"Believing as I do, I will be a faithful member of the Church; I will support it by my presence and my gifts of money and service; I will take every opportunity of sharing in the life of this fellowship; and I will urge others to share in these same blessings. The doors of the Church are open wide to mankind. *Let me, oh God, work in thy Church to the end of my life and help others to enter the doors of Thine everlasting kingdom with me.*"

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh, editor of BUILDERS, Evangelical United Brethren youth magazine

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for December, 1961. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.

Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M. Nov. 27 Greater Than the Temple Matthew 12:1-8
T. Nov. 28 Head of the Church Ephesians 5:23-32
W. Nov. 29 Unity in the Church John 17:11-23
T. Nov. 30 The Church as God's Flock Acts 20:28-31
F. Dec. 1 Gifts of His Grace Ephesians 4:7-12
S. Dec. 2 The Triumphant Church Hebrews 12:22,23
Sun., Dec. 3—Topic: The Founder of the Church Matthew 16:15-18; Ephesians 2:20-22
M. Dec. 4 God's Act for Us Acts 8:26-35
T. Dec. 5 Raised from the Dead Acts 5:29-32
W. Dec. 6 The Word of Salvation Hebrews 2:1-11
T. Dec. 7 Judgment to Come Acts 17:22-31
F. Dec. 8 Repent or . . . Acts 3:11-20
S. Dec. 9 Receive Baptism Acts 8:36-40
Sun., Dec. 10—Topic: The Message of the Church Acts 2:14-41; 3:12-16
M. Dec. 11 The Church Is Persecuted Acts 8:1-4
T. Dec. 12 Sharing in the Church Acts 4:32-37
W. Dec. 13 Saul Baptized Acts 9:10-22
T. Dec. 14 Wide Horizons Acts 10:34-43
F. Dec. 15 A Church at Jerusalem Acts 15:1-4
S. Dec. 16 A Church at Ephesus Acts 18:24-28
Sun., Dec. 17—Topic: The Growth of the Church Acts 2:41-47
M. Dec. 18 The Angel Gabriel Luke 1:26-38
T. Dec. 19 Mary Visits Elizabeth Luke 1:39-45
W. Dec. 20 The Song of Mary Luke 1:46-55
T. Dec. 21 A Word for Joseph Matthew 1:18-25
F. Dec. 22 The Wise Men Matthew 2:1-12
S. Dec. 23 The Word Is True Luke 1:13-20
Sun., Dec. 24—Topic: Because It's Christmas Luke 2:7-19
M. Dec. 25 All May Come Titus 2:11-15
T. Dec. 26 A Great Feast Luke 14:15-24
W. Dec. 27 The Only Door John 10:9-18
T. Dec. 28 The Church Without Love Revelation 2:1-7
F. Dec. 29 The Dead Church Revelation 3:1-6
S. Dec. 30 The Church of Love Revelation 3:7-13
Sun., Dec. 31—Topic: Church Doors Are Open Revelation 3:20

Senior High-Young People's Daily Readings

M. Nov. 27 A Musical Signal Fails Daniel 3:5-12
T. Nov. 28 The Hebrews Worship with Music I Chronicles 15:16-24
W. Nov. 29 The Prophets Sing I Samuel 10:5-9
T. Nov. 30 Praise God with Music Psalm 150
F. Dec. 1 The Earth Sings Psalm 66:1-4
S. Dec. 2 Sing unto the Lord Psalm 95:1-7a
Sun., Dec. 3—Topic: A Talented Musician I Samuel 16:12-23
M. Dec. 4 A Youth's True Strength I Samuel 17:42-50
T. Dec. 5 Three Youth Stand True Daniel 3:13-18
W. Dec. 6 Elijah Chooses God I Kings 18:17-22
T. Dec. 7 Be Strong I Corinthians 16:10-14
F. Dec. 8 Teach Sound Doctrine Titus 2:1-8
S. Dec. 9 Exhortation to Prayer I Timothy 2:1-8
Sun., Dec. 10—Topic: A Youth Measures Up II Timothy 3:10-17
M. Dec. 11 Male and Female Genesis 1:2
T. Dec. 12 Oneness of the Family Genesis 2:1
W. Dec. 13 Forbearance Ephesians 4:2
T. Dec. 14 Be Ye Forgiving Matthew 18:2
F. Dec. 15 Loving Husbands Colossians 3:1
S. Dec. 16 What Is Love? I Corinthian
Sun., Dec. 17—Topic: A Young Bride Luke 1:26-56; 2
M. Dec. 18 Wonderful Counselor Isaiah 9
T. Dec. 19 Mighty God John 1
W. Dec. 20 Everlasting Father Romans 8:1
T. Dec. 21 Prince of Peace Micah 4
F. Dec. 22 Saviour I John 4:1
S. Dec. 23 Lord and Christ Acts 2:2
Sun., Dec. 24—Topic: Because It's Christm Luke 2:
M. Dec. 25 Too Much of Self Matthew 19:1
T. Dec. 26 Gain Through Loss Mark 10:3
W. Dec. 27 Sell Not the Truth Proverbs 23:1
T. Dec. 28 Sell Not to Wickedness I Kings 21:2
F. Dec. 29 Buy Without Price Isaiah 55:
S. Dec. 30 How Much for Your Soul? Mark 8:3
Sun., Dec. 31—Topic: Year-End Sale Genesis 25:29-34; Amos 8:

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Dec. 17 We Share Our Gifts Acts 3:1-
Dec. 24 The Night Before Christmas Luke 2:1
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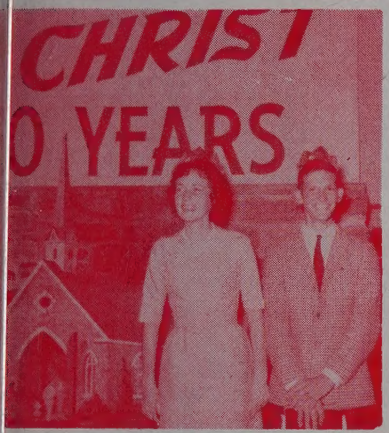

s Sanders, a high school senior, and Jack nson, now in Bible college preparing for the istry, were the winners of this year's Queen King contest for Alabama. Announcement s made at the state union's annual camp at k Mountain in August. (See the story at the nt.)

For the twelfth year the Alabama Union conducted a contest to select the Queen and King. The winning youth are chosen on the basis of spiritual growth of the individual. A score sheet marked each week is used the first part of the year; added to this is the individual's written personal testimony and a questionnaire covering his activities for Christ and the Church. Of the 21 winners through the years, one is on the mission field in Congo, eight entered Bible Colleges for training for full-time ministries, four have trained to be teachers, five are still in school. The award each year is a trip to a conference or convention sponsored by the Southern Region or the International Society, plus a jeweled Christian Endeavor pin and shield bearing name and date.

On September 17, in the Hillsdale Community Church, William Arthur was ordained to the Gospel ministry. He is the president of the Oregon Union.

November 19-25 is the time for "Know Your America Week" this year. Throughout the United States many community-wide programs are planned. On Sunday, November 19, an emphasis will be made in churches on "The Faiths by Which We Live." Christian Endeavor societies are urged to participate in activities in their community or, if none are scheduled, to initiate plans. Complete information may be secured from the Citizenship Director of the International Society. This program is sponsored by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism.

On October 16 Delno W. Brown, educational secretary of the International Society, spoke at the chapel service of Milligan College, Johnson City, Tennessee. Elwood Dunn, extension representative of the International Society, addressed students of Oakland City College, Oakland City, Indiana, on October 4.

Dr. James Kelly of Scotland, a vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth recently, in recognition of his Sunday school work. For many years he served as general secretary of the World's Sunday School Association.

ese leaders served as counselors at the summer nference of the St. Louis Union held Labor Day ek end at Camp Derricotte, Cuivre River State rk, near Troy, Missouri. Left to right they are: t row—Trudy Absheer, Cecelia Black, Claudean dington (state union president); second—Bess mm, Reva Williams, Madeline Hicks; third—arren Pollard, Harold Williams (St. Louis presint), Al Vetter; fourth—Don Cook (youth camp an), Preston "Bud" Bowling, and Gene Fink -president of state and junior camp dean). nference theme was "The Countdown!"

ese Endeavorers participated in the conference of the New Jersey Union held August 26-August 31 Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.

Harry Oldenburger of St. Paul, president of the Minnesota Union, is assistant manager of the Security Envelope Company. He is a graduate of Seattle Pacific College. A member of First Baptist Church, he is actively associated with The Far Eastern Gospel Crusade. He and his wife have adopted two Korean-American children.

Geraldine E. Ludwick of Roanoke is Virginia's president. She teaches mathematics at Patrick Henry High School, having graduated this June from Longwood College. A member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, she has previously served as president of the Roanoke City Union and the Blue Ridge District Union.

The president of the California Union, C. J. List of Los Altos, is a stockbroker with E. F. Hutton & Co. A member of Valley Bible Church of Cupertino, he has served as president of the Pasadena Division and the Los Angeles County Union. He is married, with four children, and is an amateur radio operator (W6KZX).

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Ainslie Greenpoint Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, New York, marked its 75th anniversary on October 22 by an informal hymn sing, followed by a Reunion Service with guest speakers and a Silver Tea. The society has been continuously active since 1886, according to James A. Knights, publicity chairman.

A new writer of Senior High - Young People's topic treatments for THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD is Mrs. Edward Fierce of Peoria, Illinois. A member of Grace Presbyterian Church, she has served as local union president and held many state offices. In 1955 she was one of the first place winners in the Citizenship Contest. Married, she has one son.

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